(b) Government is not involved in the writing of the History textbooks. NCERT is an autonomous and expert body which is writing the textbooks, including History textbooks.

Relaxation in tutorial attendance

3214. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT and NCTE do not have a uniform policy for relaxation of tutorial attendance for students, studying in correspondence courses in D.Ed, in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons that relaxation has been given in some districts but not in Devas district; and

(d) by when the relaxation is likely to be extended to students of Devas district and a uniform policy is adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The Western Regional Committee of the National Council forTeacher Education (NCTE), which is the Statutory body to regulate teacher education throughout the country, has granted recognition to D. Ed. (correspondence course) run by Board of Secondary Education, Bhopal. However, the Council has not granted any relaxation in regard to attendance in the contact programme (tutorial attendance).

Sections in KV classes

3215. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi have only three sections in each class now;

(b) if so, the details of section-strength of each class in each Kendriya Vidyalaya in each of the three preceding academic sessions; and

(c) what has been the fate of students of sections, abolished during the above period?